

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects at least one of positional, orientation, and impact anomalies occurring with said portable safe.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49, wherein said anomaly detection device is located on said portable safe.

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects an impact potentially damaging said portable safe.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49, wherein said anomaly detection device detects a positional anomaly based on location of said portable safe.

11. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 10, wherein said anomaly detection device detecting a positional anomaly is located at a location remote from said portable safe.

Claims 12-44 (Cancelled).

45. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49, wherein

said game-related device is a game card vending machine dispensing game cards for purchasing games on a game machine, when said portable safe is attached to said game card vending machine, in response to insertion of money into said portable safe to pay for a game card; and

said game card vending machine includes a game card storage section for storing game cards to be sold, a currency discriminating section for determining value of money inserted into said game card vending machine, and a game card dispenser for discharging game cards from said game card storage section upon purchase of the game cards.

Claims 46-48 (Cancelled).

49. (Currently Amended) A currency control system comprising:

a portable safe for holding currency;

a game-related device to which said portable safe is removably attachable, said portable safe functioning as a currency holding section of said game-related device when said portable safe is attached to said game-related device, wherein said currency holding section provides at least one of (i) holding currency inserted from outside said game-related device, and (ii) holding currency to be discharged from said game-related device;

a currency control device to which said portable safe is removably attachable and which is located at a position remote from said game-related device, and, when said portable safe is attached to said currency control device, said currency control device provides at least one of (i) transferring currency into said portable safe from said currency control device and (ii) transferring currency held in said portable safe from said portable safe to said currency control device, wherein said portable safe exchanges information by wireless communication with said game-related device when said portable safe is attached to said game-related device or with said currency control device when said portable safe is attached to said currency control device;

a system control computer providing unitary control of quantities of currency in said game-related device, said portable safe, and said currency control device;

an anomaly detection device for detecting occurrence of a connection anomaly ~~occurring when~~ by measuring

a first time that begins upon disconnection of said portable safe is
~~attached neither to~~ from ~~said game-related~~ currency control device ~~nor~~ and that
continues until connection of said portable safe to said currency control ~~game-related~~
~~device for too long a time;~~ and

an anomaly notifying section for issuing an anomaly notification ~~when each~~
time the first time measured by said anomaly detection device ~~has detected an~~
~~anomaly~~ exceeds a threshold time period.

50. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49 wherein said anomaly detection device detects an orientation anomaly of said portable safe.

51. (Previously Presented) The currency control system according to claim 49, further comprising at least three security devices located proximate the game-related device and the currency control device and exchanging information by wireless communication with said portable safe for detecting position of the portable safe.

Claims 52-53 (Cancelled).

54. (New) The currency control system according to claim 49 wherein the anomaly detection section measures a second time that begins upon disconnection of said portable safe from said game-related device and that continues until connection of said portable safe to said currency control device, and said anomaly notifying section issues an anomaly notification each time the second time measured by said anomaly detection device exceeds a threshold time period.